

GENERAL REMARKS

In response to Office Action (OA) mailed on 03/30/2005, applicant amends claims. Complete listing of all claims with markings showing current changes is given on pages 3 to 6. Pages 7 and 8 contain detailed remarks and closing statements.

DETAILED REMARKS

Spelling errors in claims 7 and 9 have been corrected, thus the objections raised in the OA are removed.

The OA stated that "Claims 3-6 and 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Accordingly, applicant amended independent claim 1 by including the elements of claim 3, and cancelled claim 3. Claim 2 has also been cancelled as not narrowing claim 1. Claims 4 - 6 are original. Applicant also included the limitation of claim 11 into independent claim 9, and claim 11 has been canceled. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to indicate the change in dependence.

Furthermore, applicant amended independent claim 7, again by including elements of claim 3. Applicant respectfully suggests that the limitations of claim 7 were essentially those of claim 1, thus if the limitations of claims 1 and 3 are allowed, then those of claim 7 and 3 could also be allowed. Claim 8 remains the original one, depending on the amended claim 7.

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Applicant respectfully submits that as expressed in this amendment the claims now put forward only patentable subject matter.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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